

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAIGON 07194 01 OF 02 251556 Z

51

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 INRE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 AID-20 IO-12 OMB-01 DPW-01

ACDA-19 GAC-01 RSR-01 /149 W
----- 029364

O 251310 Z APR 73

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0742

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMCONSUL CAN THO

AMCONSUL DANANG

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMCONSUL NHA TRANG

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

USDEL JEC PARIS

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

CINCPAC

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 SAIGON 07194

EO 11652 N/A

TAGS PGOV, PINS, PINT, PARM, PFOR, MAAR VS

GVN PROPOSES DRAFT AGREEMENT TO PRG FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SVN

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. INTRO AND SUMMARY IN A LATE AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 25

GVN FONMIN TRAN VAN LAM ANNOUNCED THAT THE GVN IS PRESENTING

TO THE EIGHTTH SESSION OF THE BILATERAL TALKS IN PARIS A " DRAFT

PRELIMINARY ACCORD ON PRINCIPLES " BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH

VIETNAMESE

PARTIES" WHICH IS AIMED AT A FINAL POLITICAL SOLUTION IN SVN. LAM

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAIGON 07194 01 OF 02 251556 Z

SAID THE GVN IS ASKING THE OTHER SIDE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT APRIL 27 (D- DAY), THE END OF THE PERIOD STIPULATED IN ARTICLE 12 (A) OF THE PARIS CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT FOR SIGNING AN AGREEMENT ON INTERNAL MATTERS. THE GVN'S PROPOSED AGREEMENT CALLS FOR, INTER ALIA, SIGNING A " FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT" ON SVN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AT D PLUS 30; CONVENING THE NCNRC AT D PLUS 60 TO WRITE AN ELECTION LAW FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS; GENERAL ELECTIONS AT D PLUS 120 TO SELECT " AN ORGAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO DECIDE THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIET- NAM," WHICH SHALL " DETERMINE THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES AT BOTH THE CENTRAL AND LOCAL LEVELS;" WITHDRAWAL OF " ALL NON- SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES" FROM SVN AND EQUIVALENT DEMOBILIZATION OF GVN FORCES IN TWO PHASES AT D PLUS 60 AND D PLUS 90; REMOVAL OF " RESTRICTIONS ON DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES DUE TO THE WAR SITUATION" IN PARALLEL WITH TROOP WITHDRAWALS. THE ELECTIONS ARE TO BE OBSERVED BY THE NCNRC, THE ICCS AND " ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS" INVITED BY THE TWO PARTIES. FOLLOWING ARE THE GVN- PROVIDED ENGLISH- LANGUAGE TEXTS OF LAM'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT, THE PROPOSED PRELIMINARY ACCORD, AND THE TIMETABLE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. LAM'S REPLIES TO JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. END INTRO AND SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

A. STATEMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER TRAN- VAN- LAM AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON APRIL 25, 1973

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12 A) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, " THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL SIGN AN AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF SOUTH VIET- NAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND DO THEIR UTMOST TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE CEASE- FIRE COMES INTO EFFECT".

THE THREE MONTH PERIOD WILL EXPIRE WITHIN TWO DAYS FROM MARCH 19, 1973, DATE OF THE INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES IN PARIS, THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS UP TO NOW, REJECTED ALL THE CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE AGENDA AS WELL AS THE WORKING PROCEDURES MADE BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 SAIGON 07194 01 OF 02 251556 Z

ONCE AGAIN, THE DEMONSTRATE THE MAXIMUM GOODWILL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM TO IMPLEMENT SERIOUSLY THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, AT THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD, THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC

OF VIET- NAM IS PROPOSING TO THE OTHER SIDE A DRAFT PRELIMINARY ACCORD AIMING AT RESOLVING THE BASIC PROBLEMS PENDING BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND A TIMETABLE TO CARRY OUT ALL THE AGREED PROVISIONS.

ACCORDINGLY, IF THE OTHER SIDE ALSO SHOWS ITS GOODWILL TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT AS IT USED TO PROCLAIM AND ACCEPTS THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM'S NEW INITIATIVE, THE TWO PARTIES WOULD BE ABLE TO SIGN THE PRELIMINARY ACCORD ON PRINCIPLES ON APRIL 27 TH, THE LAST DAY OF THE PERIOD MENTIONED IN ARTI
E E E E E E E

ADP000
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAIGON 07194 02 OF 02 251525 Z

51
ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 INRE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 AID-20 IO-12 OMB-01 DPW-01

ACDA-19 GAC-01 RSR-01 /149 W
----- 029066

O 251310 Z APR 73
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0743
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE
AMCONSUL BIEN HOA
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
AMCONSUL CAN THO
AMCONSUL DANANG
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA
AMCONSUL NHA TRANG
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH
USDEL JEC PARIS
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
AMEMBASSY WARSAW
CINCPAC

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 SAIGON 07194

RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION WHICH ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF CONTROLLING THE GENERAL ELECTION AS STIPULATED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL INVITE ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS TO COME AND OBSERVE THE GENERAL ELECTION. THE TWO SOUTH VIET-

NAMESE PARTIES SIGNATORY OF THE PRESENT PRELIMINARY ACCORD
ON PRINCIPLES UNDERTAKE TO RESPECT THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL
ELECTION AND TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT ALL THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY
THE ORGAN SET UP THROUGH THE GENERAL ELECTION.

CHAPTER III

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAIGON 07194 02 OF 02 251525 Z

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION
AND CONCORD

ARTICLE 5 - THE NATIONAL CONCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCI-
LIATION AND CONCORD MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 12 OF THE PARIS AGREE-
MENT OF JNAURY 27, 1973 IS COMPOSED O THREE (3) EQUAL SEGMENTS.
EACH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTY DETERMINES ITS OWN COMPONENT. THE
REMAINING COMPONENT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TWO PARTIES.

ARTICLE 6 - THE ABOVE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD SHALL BE CONVENED NO LATER THAN
THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL AND COMPREHEN-
SIVE AGREEMENT MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 1.

ARTICLE 7- THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIA-
TION AND CONCORD MUST COMPLETE THE LAW STIPULATING THE PROCEDU-
RES AND MODALITIES OF THE GNERAL ELECTION PROVIDED FOR IN
ARTICLES 9 (B) AND 12 (B) OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27,
1973, NO LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER ITS HAVING BEEN
CONVEYED.

CHAPTER IV

THE QUESTION OF ARMED FORCES AND TROOP REDUCTION

ARTICLE 8 - TO INSURE REAL FREEDOM FOR THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO DETERMINE ITS POLITICAL FUTURE WITHOUT OUT-
SIDE PRESSURE, THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL SETTLE THE
QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON THE
BASIS OF REDUCTION OF THEIR MILITARY EFFECTIVES
AND OF DEMOBILIZATION OF THE TROOPS BEING REDUCED, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 13 OF THE PARIS GREEMENT OF JANUARY
27, 1973:

A) ALL NON- SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES MUST TOTALLY
WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH VIETNAM AND BE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES.
PARALLELLY WITH THIS WITHDRAWAL, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM SHALL DEMOBILIZE AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF TROOPS.

THE ABOVE WITHDRAWAL AND DEMOBILIZATION SAHLL BE
IMPLEMENTED IN TWO PHASES:

PHASE ONE BEGINNING THE MOMENT THE FINAL AND
COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BY THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE
PARTIES AND ENDING NO LATER THAN THE DAY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD IS CONVENED, THAT IS, NO
LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL
AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT.

PHASE TWO BEGINNING THE MOMENT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 SAIGON 07194 02 OF 02 251525 Z

OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD IS COVENED AND ENDING NO LATER THAN THE MOMENT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD COMPLETES THE ELECTION LAW, THAT IS, NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT.

B) THE QUESTION OF ARMED FORCES OF THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL FALL UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT SET UP AS A RESULT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

CHAPTER V

DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES

ARTICLE 9 - ONCE THE FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED TOGETHER WITH THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLES 2 AND 7 OF CHARTER II ON THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973 THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL, PARALLELLY WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF NON- SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 8 ABOLISH THE RESTRICTIONS TO THE DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES DUE TO THE WAR SITUATION AS MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 11 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973.

CHAPTER VI

OTHER PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 10 - THIS PRELIMINARY ACCORD SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE UPON SIGNING. THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THIS PRELIMINARY ACCORD.

C. PROPOSED SCHEDULE

D APRIL 27, 1973 : SIGNING OF PRELIMINARY ACCORD

D /

- 30: MAY 27, 1973 : SIGNING OF FINAL AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT
ABOLITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON
DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES DUE TO THE
WAR SITUATION.
PHASE ONE OF TROOPS REDUCTION AND
WITHDRAWAL

D /

- 60: JUNE 26, 1973 : CONVENING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD
PHASE TWO OF TROOPS REDUCTION AND
WITHDRAWAL

D /

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 SAIGON 07194 02 OF 02 251525 Z

A 90: JULY 26, 1973 : COMPLETION OF ELECTION LAW
ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN

D /

- 120: SUNDAY

AUGUST 26, 1973 : GENERAL ELECTION. END TEXT

BUNKER

UNCLASSIFIED
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** UNCLASSIFIED

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CINCPAC FOR POLAD, GVN PROPOSES DRAFT AGREEMENT TO PRG, MAAR VS, PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 APR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SAIGON07194
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730451/aaaaiws.w.tel
Line Count: 279
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 6
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: collinp0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags: ANOMALY
Review Date: 29 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29-Aug-2001 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <24-Jan-2002 by collinp0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> jms 980202
Subject: GVN PROPOSES DRAFT AGREEMENT TO PRG FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SVN
TAGS: PARM, PGOV, PINS, PINT
To: BANGKOK
BIEN HOA
BUDAPEST
CAN THO
DANANG
EA
JAKARTA

NHA TRANG
SECSTATE WASHDC

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005